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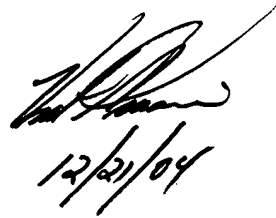
Please cancel claims 1-5; new claims set forth below:

What is claimed as new and what is desired to secure by Letters of Patent of the United States is:

6. A cargo pant thigh holster system, which is a specially designed pair of cargo pants made up of two front pockets, two rear pockets and two side (thigh) pockets; wherein either or both side pockets is a distinct system of a collaboration of parts for removably securing a handgun to the thigh of a wearer; a holster comprised of a nylon or similar material having a first sidewall of form fitted plastic or similar material disposable adjacent the leg of a wearer and a second sidewall disposable away from the leg of a wearer and having an interior pocket there between for removably carrying a handgun therein; a support system for securing said holster adjacent the leg of a wearer made up of said holster, of varying size to appropriately fit a given handgun, sewn with reinforced stitching directly to the side of the pants within the covered side pocket, and having a retainer strap comprised of elastic or other flexible-type material which is attached to said holster and encircles the leg of a wearer through openings within the side (thigh) pocket and tightly secures with a velcro or similar type material back to the holster within the side pocket, whereby supporting the weight of a handgun and inhibiting vertical and rotative movement of said holster attached thereto; a side cargo pocket that is made up of an outer covering which conceals the holster and is attached to the side pant leg

by velcro, or like-material, edges on the inner edges of the covering and has an exposed string tab made up of firm elastic or similar material on an upper corner of said covering of the side pocket whereby allowing the wearer to remove the entire outer covering of the side pocket in a hurried fashion in order to access a handgun attached to said holster secured to the wearer's leg.

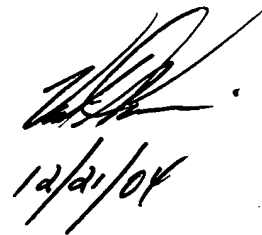
7. The specially designed cargo pants described in claim number 6 shall be made with reinforced stitching along the outer seam of the pants, starting above the knee area and extending up to and connecting with the belt line of the pants; a belt line that shall also be made with reinforced stitching that wraps around and connects to a vertical single or double button assembly in the front of the pants above the zipper area.



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### **DISTINCTION FROM PRIOR ART**

The cargo pant thigh holster system, as described in claims 6 and 7 is distinct from prior art in that it is a system of a collaboration of parts, specifically a holster of reinforced material that is sewn or otherwise permanently attached to the side of the pants within a side cargo pocket and is tightly secured to the leg of a wearer with flexible strap that is permanently attached to said holster, and wraps around the leg of a wearer through openings within the side pocket and subsequently re-attaches back on to the holster with velcro or like-material; a holster that is sewn within the side pocket; a pocket that is made with an outer covering that conceals the area of the holster from view with velcro, or like-material, along the inside edges of said covering allowing the wearer to rip or remove the entire covering in a hurried fashion for quick access to the handgun.



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